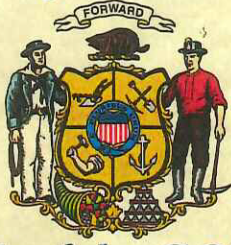


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; social work deals with some of the toughest issues that challenge individuals, families, communities, and society, and helps them forge solutions to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS; social work is performed by more than one-half million professionals in the United States with a variety of backgrounds, who are devoted to helping people overcome difficult situations, and improve their physical, mental, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS; the progress inspired by the dedication of social workers helps to foster positive relationships and create hope and opportunities for people in need; and

WHEREAS; people in the field of social work are on the frontlines, responding to such human needs as homelessness, poverty, family break-up, mental illness, physical and mental disability, substance abuse, domestic violence, and many other issues; and

WHEREAS; the field of child welfare social work has a focus on the protective function of strengthening the family and may provide services to children removed from or living in their own homes and works towards establishing sound family foundations; and

WHEREAS; social workers, counselors, and treatment professionals have the experience to guide parents, foster parents, and legal guardians through complex issues and choices; and

WHEREAS; social work helps many Wisconsinites achieve change and make decisions that improve their lives;

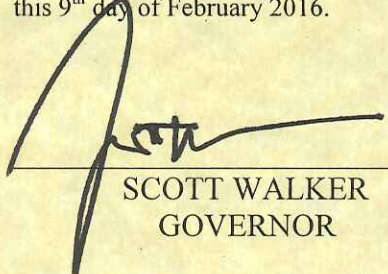
NOW THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016 as

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 9th day of February 2016.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State